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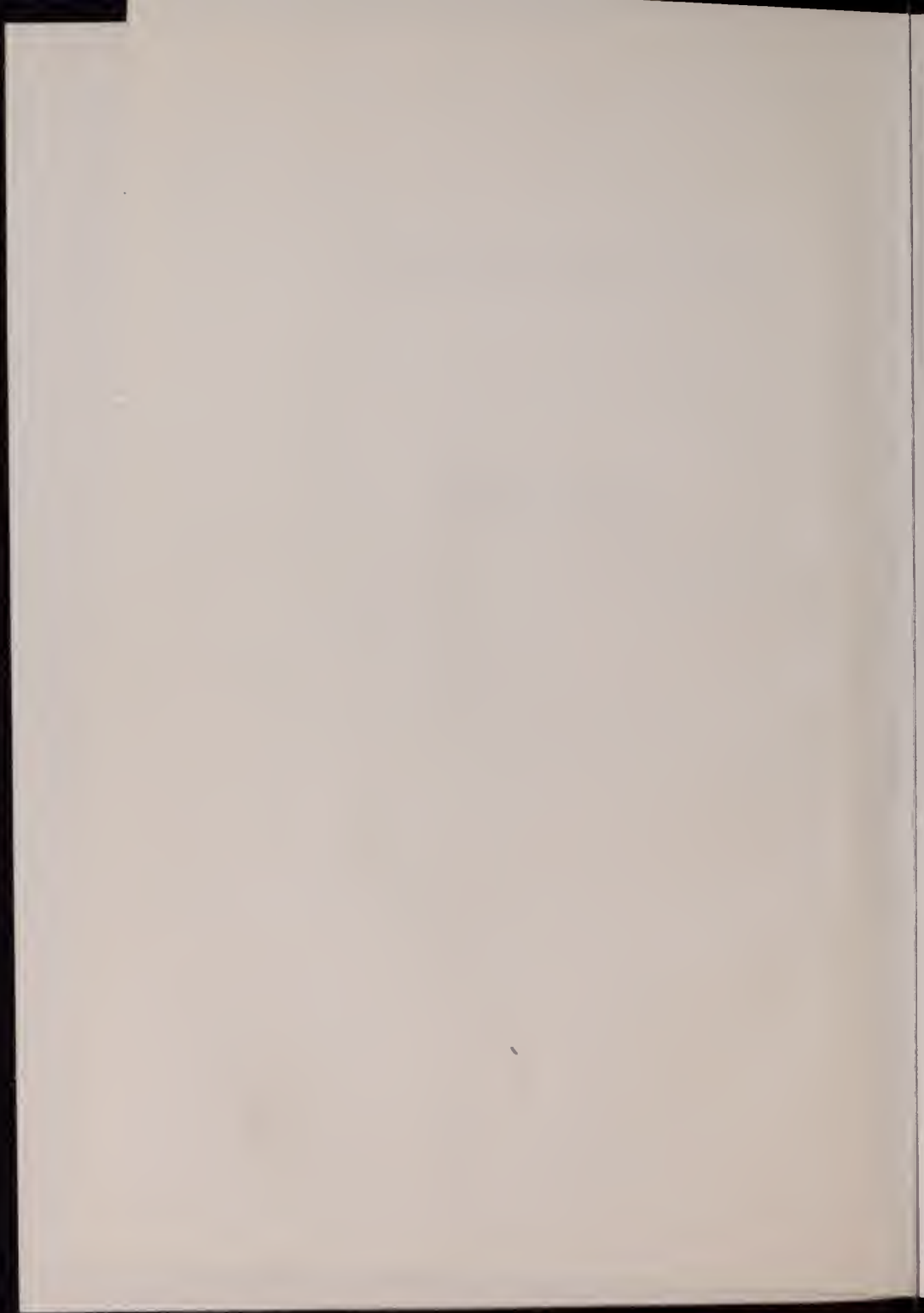
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I. FUNDAMENTAL MISSION

Soong Jun's purpose, since its founding by missionaries in 1897 in Pyong Yang, North Korea, has been to offer individualized quality education in a Christian atmosphere for future Korean Leaders.

SJU is presently in its eighth year of union between two former small Christian colleges, Soong Sil and Taejon, and in its eighth year of university status. SJU believes good progress has been made toward becoming Christian leaven diffusing through Korean higher education circles.

Today, about 40% of the student body (2,400 in Seoul; 1,800 in Taejon) is Christian. All members of SJU's Board of Trustees and senior administrators and almost all faculty members are Christians. SJU seeks to maintain a firm policy of controlled growth in order not to lose opportunities for individual and personal encounter among students, faculty, and staff.

During the later 1970's and in the years ahead, SJU will continue to restructure and redirect its program to offer more modern and appropriate educational experiences for its students. To this end, several new departments of study have been established. In a country where a major socio-economic problem is excessive rural-to-urban migration, SJU is the only major

university operating two campuses in both an urban and a rural setting. One campus is in Seoul near Korea's largest industrial district populated by several million. The second campus is in Taejon, about 120 miles south of Seoul.

SJU's Board of Trustees is composed of 13 members. Included are two representatives from each of the three major Presbyterian bodies: the Korean Presbyterian Church's General Assembly, the Korea Mission of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, and the Korean Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. SJU thus relates itself to and is a symbol of co-operation between three Presbyterian churches.

II. STUDENT-BODY AND GROWTH TARGETS

The following table shows the recent growth and projections of the SJU student body.

| STUDENTS | | | | | | |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Year | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980's (proj.) |
| Seoul | 1677 | 1712 | 1820 | 2093 | 2384 | 5000 |
| Taejon | <u>830</u> | <u>983</u> | <u>1230</u> | <u>1381</u> | <u>1874</u> | <u>5000</u> |
| Total | 2507 | 2695 | 3050 | 3474 | 4258 | 10000 |

SJU's experience in recent years has convinced us that enrollment of 5,000 in Seoul and 5,000 in Taejon are the optimal levels which would be compatible with Christian atmosphere, academic quality and managerial solvency.

III. THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY: (As of December, 1978)

a. Student Enrollment

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Undergraduates | 4258 |
| Graduate Students | 96 |
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| Total | 4354 |

b. Number of Educational and Administrative Personnel

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| President | 1 |
| Associate President | 1 |
| Vice President | 1 |
| Professors | 33 |
| Associate Professors | 38 |
| Assistant Professors | 24 |
| Full-time Lecturers | 30 |
| Lecturers | 142 |
| Assistants | 29 |
| Administrative Officers | 126 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | 425 |

IV. COLLEGES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

a. Colleges and related departments of study

1. Seoul Campus

a) College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

English Language and Literature

Philosophy
History
Social Work

b) College of Law and Economics:

Law
Economics
Business Administration
Foreign Trade

c) College of Engineering

Chemical Engineering
Textile Engineering
Electronic Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Industrial Education
Industrial Engineering
Computer Science

d) Evening College

Electronic Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Business Administration

2. Taejon Campus

a) College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Korean Language and Literature
Physics
Mathematics
Chemistry
English Language and Literature
Home Economics
Art Education
Japanese Language and Literature
Biology
Computer Science and Statistics
Food and Nutrition
Fine Arts
Applied Arts
Commerce Education
Economics
Business Administration
Accounting
Community Development

b) Evening College

Korean Language and Literature
Foreign Language Education
English Language and Literature
Business Administration
Foreign Trade

b. Graduate School

1. Division of the Humanities

Korean Language and Literature
English Language and Literature
Philosophy
History

2. Division of the Social Sciences

Law
Economics
Business Administration
International Trade
Social Work

3. Division of Natural Sciences

Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Chemical Engineering
Textile Engineering
Electronic Science
Mechanical Engineering
Computer Science

V. PRESENT INNOVATIONS AT SJU

a. "Pilot School" Innovations

Soong Jun University was one of the first 10 Korean universities (out of a total of 72 colleges and universities) that received "Pilot School" (experimental college) status from the Ministry of Education.

In this program, SJU is freed from some earlier academic laws and regulations in order to experiment with university reform. Minimum credits for graduation were reduced from 160 to 140 to allow for more individual study, each academic department's curriculum being consequently restructured. At the same time, the opportunity arose to introduce the minor-option concept as well as the double-major plan, offering students greater freedom and flexibility. This new curriculum is constantly being monitored and will undoubtedly change but at least a fresh wind of creative thinking has been generated.

Other supplementary experiments to enhance educational effectiveness are in progress relating to academic regulations, classroom procedures, and library management.

SJU's two-campus structure is of great value in pushing the "Pilot School" reform, because of the reciprocal stimulation, explicit or implicit, of reform efforts between the two campuses. SJU, being one of the very few institutions carrying out the experiments throughout the university, is now generally regarded as the leader in this nation-wide program. The Korean government is presently urging other Seoul universities to establish regional campuses and is looking to SJU for guidance in this matter since SJU has preceeded the government plan by many years.

b. Industrial and Rural Outreach

Since early 1973, SJU has been an Asian counterpart institution co-operating with the Georgia Institute of Technology in a U.S.A.I.D. - backed program designed to create an engineering and management extension service for Korean small-scale industries. Faculty of both Seoul and Taejon campuses, assisted by G.I.T. staff, regularly visit industries in the nearby communities and help managers identify and solve problems hindering profitable operation.

This activity will help to further Korean economic development, create jobs, and raise living standards. It also sets an example for other Korean universities to follow. At the same time, faculty and student involvement in solving real-life problems enhances the quality of education at SJU.

Under this SJU/GIT project, five SJU faculty have visited Georgia Tech to observe extension activities of the Industrial Development Division within Georgia. Two former SJU staff have entered Georgia Tech's Industrial Engineering College's graduate course in Industrialization. SJU values highly these educational experiences, and is looking for means to develop on a more permanent basis broader continuing education opportunities for its faculty.

With assistance from the Task Force on World Hunger of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, an engineering faculty member from Seoul lived in a small country village for two years on extension. While teaching and

demonstrating to poor farmers simple applications of science to village life, he also co-ordinated similar work by other science and engineering faculty and students in the area. A conscious effort was made to involve local Christian leaders in the community's decision-making process and in carrying out the projects.

SJU is also looking forward to more intensive work in rural community development, bringing to bear capabilities as developed by both campuses in technical-managerial assistance.

Students and faculty have worked during the summer vacation periods in South Choong-Chung province, sometimes called the "Korean Appalachia." This work should be expanded to include entrepreneur development and stimulation of rural industry.

c. Management Improvement

Soong Jun University owns its land and buildings. Our desire is to get maximum efficiency from this educational plant. One aspect of SJU's "Pilot School" innovations is university management reform. To this end, SJU obtained support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the Korean Ministry of Education, and the Industry - University Cooperative Foundation of Korea and conducted an intensive one - week workshop in August, 1975, on the application of PPBS (Planning, Programming and Budgeting System) to Korean university management problems. An expert in PPBS, Dr. Victor Ordonez, came from De La Salle Univer-

sity in the Phillipines, where PPBS was used in creating a ten-year development plan, and led this project.

SJU invited 40 top administrators-presidents, provosts, deans, comptrollers and planners from 15 "Pilot Schools" - including 4 Christian and 8 secular private universities as well as three state universities (Pusan, Taegu, Taejon). Thanks to preparatory data gathering prior to the Workshop, practical knowledge in PPBS was disseminated widely, and SJU's own top administrators (about 10) gained experience. Another management improvement presently under way at SJU is computerization of administrative data, entrance examination grade processing, student registration, library records, and various financial records. This work is being done by the SJU Computation Center on the University-owned computer, and is expected to set a model in Korea.

d. Graduate School Consortium

SJU entered active cooperation with two nearby universities, Choong Ang and Inha, located south of Han River, in order to form a graduate consortium. Under this plan, began in 1976, a course offered at one university is available to students of the other schools. Educational resources are shared. The total cost of a graduate program will be distributed. Most of all, a student's individual educational needs and desires can be more easily met.

All the three universities in the South Consortium are active in the "Pilot School" program and serious about management reform.

Since Choong Ang and Inha Universities are larger than SJU, the SJU Graduate School is expected to benefit significantly. Choong Ang is generally competent in humanities-social sciences and Inha, in engineering. SJU believes quality graduate education can have a marked effect on raising academic excellence at the undergraduate level and benefit all students at SJU.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

| <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> | <u>1980's (proj.)</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 35 | 46 | 46 | 33 | 96 | 200 |

- e. Relation with the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, headquartered in New York, and Soong Jun University began on July 1, 1978, a five-year co-operative project in University improvement. The United Board allocated \$40,000 per year for five years and SJU will at least match that contribution. The project is actually composed of a multitude of specific sub-projects, some general which apply to both campuses, and then others specific to each campus. The President of the University is the over-all director and there is an advisory committee, but each specific project has its own faculty director and its own operating committee members.

The United Board grant witnesses to two important features of SJU today. First, the grant reveals that SJU is still a young, growing school in need of support since in the course of its deliberations, the UB shifted its traditional support activity from a number of large, developed universities in Asia to a group of five small, newer Christian schools of which SJU is one. Second, the grant testifies to the United Board's recognition of the strategic potential in each of these five smaller Christian schools with respect to their curriculum structure, their present leadership, community contributions, and geographical location in rapidly-developing nations of Asia.

The motto for the UB-SJU joint project is "University Education for a Changing Society." A central feature will be an annual joint faculty (faculty from both campuses) conference. These will not only have a broad, over-all theme, but also smaller seminars and work-shops on specific problems. Joint faculty participation will enable SJU to further establish its identity and clarify its role as a two-campus Christian university in Korea. Some specific projects follow:

1. Advanced training for central library personnel
2. Development of improved guidance and counselling capabilities on both campuses
3. Design and production of course materials for all students (including engineers) "Man and Society," "Man and God," "Man and Man," "Man and Nature," "Man and Culture."

4. A major effort in advanced English language training for in-service high school teachers of English, leading to the master's degree.
5. Technical and managerial assistance for small-scale industries and rural communities in intermediate or adaptive technology.
6. Continuing education for social workers.
7. Introduction of new teaching methods.

Since publicly-financed colleges and universities in Korea are slated for vastly increased governmental support, private Christian universities face a great challenge in the years ahead in reaching and maintaining academic excellence and, at the same time, preserving and extending a Christian atmosphere and program both within the local campus and outside into the surrounding community. This United Board-supported program is targeted to assist SJU to meet that challenge.

f. Other innovative activities and plans

The following are some of SJU's activities and planned efforts as of the end of 1978:

1. Adult education and ¹⁹⁷⁸continuing education

The University has operated for several summers a short course for housewives who otherwise have little opportunity for such intellectual stimulation and fellow-

ship. It offers home economics, art and music, and other pertinent subjects.

Numerous short courses have also been held for high-school teachers of English and science. Management courses have been held for local businesses. Courses have been developed for pastors of churches to deal with problems of operating a local church program and budget.

Rapid changes in Korean society caused by economic and technological development and Korea's increasing international activity, with its exposure to multitudinous external influences, means that SJU will not only have a role in offering "lifelong learning" opportunities to others, but will have to develop ways to renew itself in order to keep pace. SJU is presently seriously studying ways to refresh and update faculty competence, particularly in areas of science, engineering, and business-related subjects.

2. Institution evaluation and accreditation

For several years, since SJU became a "Pilot School", evaluation teams sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Education have made periodic visits and have received detailed reports on SJU activities. Consistently, SJU has been rated highly, especially in the area of curriculum reform.

Going beyond this, however, with the co-operation of Georgia Tech, SJU introduced to Korea the concept of periodic accreditation of colleges, particularly colleges of engineering.

A "mini-evaluation" was first carried out within SJU with the assistance of GIT's Dean of Engineering. The US Engineer's Council for Professional Development's accreditation procedures were then explained to an SJU-sponsored meeting of 14 Seoul engineering college deans and MOE officials. The US system has since been modified for Korean use and during December, 1978, and January, 1979, the first engineering college evaluation will take place. This accreditation activity will raise educational quality and promote the interests of the Korean public as well as the schools.

3. Technology and society

SJU is a Christian institution of higher education located in a rapidly-developing society. As a Christian institution, SJU confesses its belief that we must not allow technological-scientific possibilities and economic forces alone to dominate culture. Rather, spiritual and cultural values must make technology and economics serviceable to life. Reference to SJU's departmental and curriculum structure shows the emphasis placed on science, technology, and economics, a policy deliberately chosen not only in order to meet social demands but also, and more importantly, to make Christian influence felt in those areas. SJU wishes to speak from

a position of intelligent involvement within, not from a position of unknowing, carping criticism outside of the centers of current social activity. Once, however, a platform has been gained which commands respect, the content of the message becomes important. SJU leadership is currently struggling with this problem and hopes to serve and witness in this area — from a Christian point-of-view to appreciate technology's proper and meaningful place within culture and to develop technology intensively and responsibly.

VI. THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN MUSEUM

Completed in the spring of 1976, the Korean Christian Museum is strategically located near the University's main gate and thus proclaims to all visitors and passers-by the historic significance of the Christian Church in Korea and the University's commitment to Christian education. Construction funds were obtained from both Korean and American sources, among the latter the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. Much of the contents were given to SJU by the family of Mr. Yang Sun Kim, Presbyterian minister and Korean Church historian, a graduate of Soong Sil in North Korea who for many years collected and preserved that material.

The museum houses priceless documents, books, maps, and many objects related to the planting and growth of the Christian church in East Asia and, particularly, in Korea. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Korea is making plans for observance of the 100th anniversary in 1984 of Pro-

testant Christianity's introduction into Korea, and in this, SJU's Christian Museum is expected to play a significant role.

SJU earnestly hopes that its Museum will become a source of inspiration, appreciation, gratitude, and wider knowledge among future Korean generations of Christian young people regarding the movement of God's Spirit in this land so that they may thereby gain strength to face the future with confidence in His blessing.

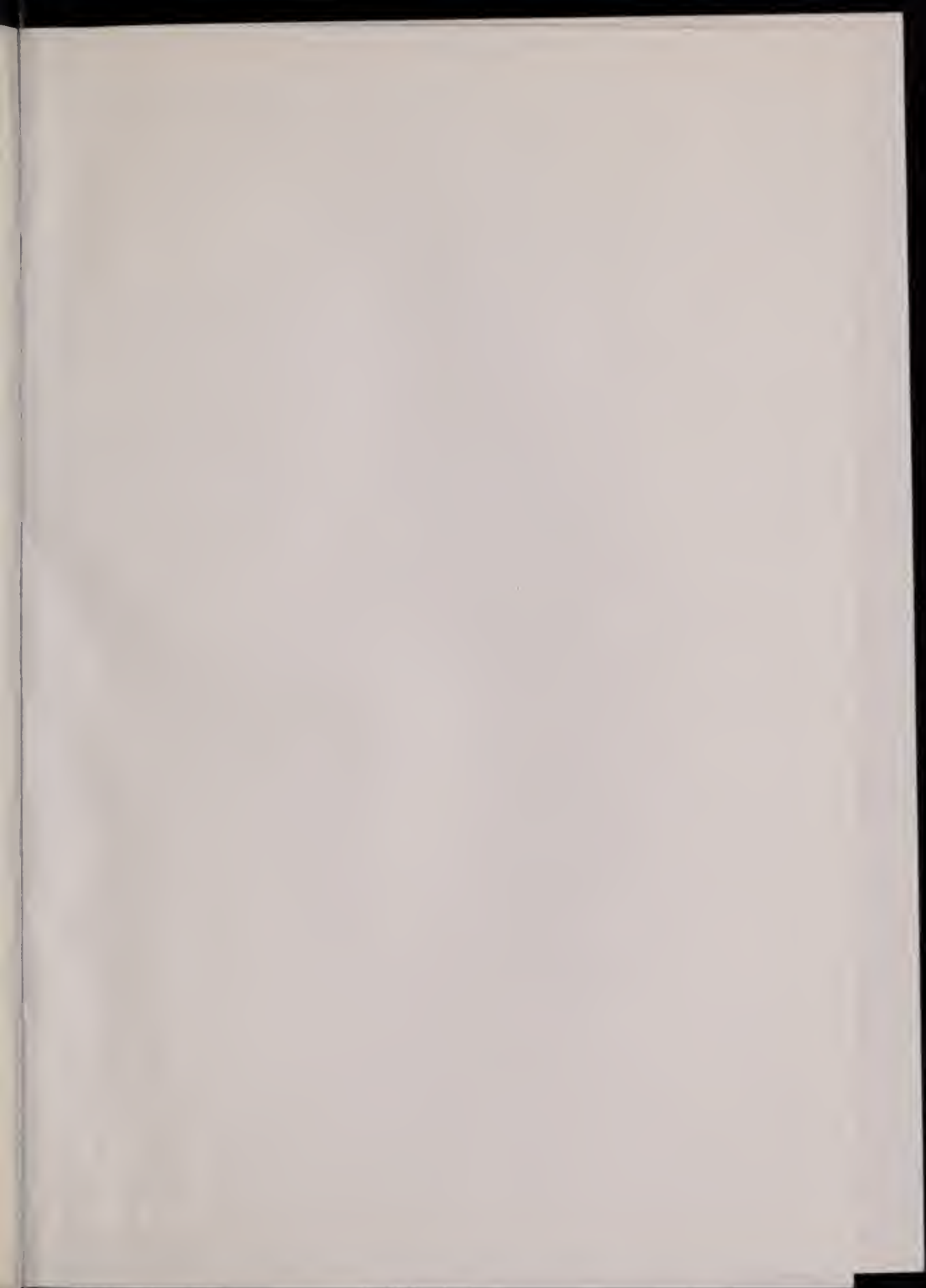
The Museum's first floor contains office space, reading and study rooms, a large meeting room, and a special room devoted to the history of Soong Jun, beginning from its early location in Pyong Yang, North Korea. The second floor contains numerous display cases relating to Christianity's growth in East Asia and Korea: travel documents issued by the King to early missionaries, the earliest translations of scripture into the Korean language, evidences of the ancient Nestorian church's influence in Korea in the 7th century, 17th century maps by the Jesuit scholar-missionary to China, Matteo Ricci, and other scientific artifacts brought through China to Korea by Catholic followers. A special room displays items relating to the Korean Independence Movement of 1919 in which many Christians exerted influence and leadership.

The third floor contains a large room devoted to general Korean cultural anthropology, including archeology, back to the Stone Age. Since the Museum is so new, store rooms still bulge with materials which have not yet been displayed.

Church history scholars and general scholars will discover many interesting facts as this treasure chest from the past is unlocked through study and analysis. The present director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and prominent East Asian historian and author, Dr. Albert Craig of Harvard University, stated after visiting the Museum in the fall 1978, "I am greatly surprised to find such a rich and varied collection here. It was certainly unexpected on my part."

VII. LOOKING BEYOND THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

SJU will be commemorating its eighty - third anniversary in 1980 and hopes that the occasion can be marked by completion of a major building, the Administration and Graduate School Building. SJU wants to cast its eyes beyond this historical event and hopefully toward the 1980's and further beyond. It confidently believes that over time it can set a viable model, perhaps unique in Korea and in Asia, of a moderate-sized, Christian university both spiritually and administratively integrating multiple campuses, each serving its respective community with excellence and relevance.



TAEJON
PRESBYTERIAN
COLLEGE



College Entrance

133 OJUNGNI
TAEJON, KOREA

*A Liberal Arts College
Preparing Christian Students
for Service
to God and Country
in the Sciences and Humanities*

1963



General View of College

Taejon Presbyterian College, located on the outskirts of the city of Taejon in the central section of South Korea, was organized in 1956, and the charter ratified by the Korean government in 1959. It is operated by the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The college was founded for the purpose of training and instructing Christian men and women in the arts and sciences. The faculty and students are all baptized Christians in good standing in their home church. Because this college is dedicated to the building up of God's Kingdom, both teaching and learning are looked upon as a means to that end. Attendance at daily chapel services is required, and the Bible or courses related to the Christian faith are taught in all four years.

There are four departments in the college, (1) Sacred Literature (for ministerial students) (2) English Language and Literature (3) Chemistry and (4) Mathematics-Physics.

The college was founded to serve the Honam area in which our mission has had its main work from the beginning of protestant missionary efforts in Korea, though already it has received students from the nine provinces of the Republic of Korea.

It is the only Christian four-year college in five provinces mainly served by our mission program.

It is the only Christian College outside of the city of Seoul that offers major courses in the sciences.

The English department has already made a name for itself because the number of missionaries of our church associated with the college afford excellent opportunities for good English.



Chapel Service

It has one of the few libraries in Korea in which the students have access to the stacks.

Because of the good showing of the college by its very first graduates in the national examinations in the fall of 1962, the Ministry of Education has indicated an interest in the teaching program. The excellent grades of the first graduates in various job-placement examinations have also been encouraging.

Taejon College has a broad self-help program. Various types of scholarships are offered, with most of them being related to work opportunities and academic achievement.



Library

PRESBYTERIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND
615 PEACHTREE ST. N.E
ATLANTA 8, GA.
THE URGENT NEEDS OF TAEJON
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Library and Administration | |
| Equipment | \$13,000 |
| Student Center (completion) | |
| | \$45,000 |
| Shop and Scientific | |
| Equipment | \$75,000 |
| Korean Faculty | |
| Residences | \$20,000 |
| Dormitory | \$10,000 |
| General Academic | |
| Equipment | \$13,000 |
| Grading, Roads and | |
| Grounds | \$ 4,000 |

*(All items on the 1963 Presbyterian
Development Campaign approved list.)*



Chemistry Laboratory



Dr. Keith Crim-German Class

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE

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"We build today for tomorrow."

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MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISITS STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



Arrival of the Minister of Education Whang

Soong Jun University Student Summer Service Project have a long and varied history. Soong Jun students began going out of a desire to help, not at the urging or coercion of the Administration. Nowadays the Government requires all universities and colleges to send their students to help farm villages.

What makes Soong Jun service projects special? There is no simple answer. But in 1977 the Minister of Education thought the quality of the Seoul students so unusual that he chose to visit the students at work. He found no simple "muscle input-quick results" project. Instead, he found a village water system three-fourths completed (and later finished before the students returned to campus). He was welcomed by Dr. Bum Soe Koh, President, a number of faculty members, and the summer work force. Dr. Koh and Minister Whang toured the installation and then Minister Whang turned on the pump to symbolically start the water system. They themselves turned on the water in several village homes. Minister Whang was impressed.

This water system was not an outright gift from the University. The villagers raised half of the money needed, the Mechanical Engineering Department designed and built the storage tank, the students and farmers dug the ditches and buried the water pipe, and a plumber approved the connections.

This accomplishment was the culmination of much experience and planning. In the early days the students helped repair roads, dug drainage ditches, built laundry spots along streams, built walls, gave haircuts, ran Vacation Bible Schools, and taught public health, hygiene, nutrition, and family planning. They even built a church building, a project that took two vacations. Each year they usually went to a new location and did many of the same things over again.

Since 1974 it was decided that the students had used a Band-Aid approach long enough. It was time to pick an

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INAUGURAL SPEECH OF PRESIDENT KOH



As third president of Soong Jun University (and 11th since the founding of Soong Sil College) I feel my responsibility will be very heavy, and at the same time, very much an honor. Matt. 7:14 best describes the pilgrimage and history of our school. By adhering to government quotas with the founding principles of honesty and integrity, it has not grown rapidly in the past. Such honesty is not easy; loyalty to truth can bring suffering and persecution, even to the closing down of Soong Sil College under the Japanese.

In 1967 Dr. Herman N. Kim, 9th president, in his inaugural speech noted that people loved and admired SSC up in Pyong Yang, and that although we were then the smallest of 90 colleges in Korea, he believed that SSC was the only school which could foster the ability, welfare, and progress of the Korean People. It was Dr. Kim who began the Engineering Department and then the first Computer Science Department in Korea. Just ten years later, the Engineering College has 1200 today. With the merger with Taejon Christian College in 1970, we became Soong Jun College, and then university status was granted a year later. Today the enrollment on both campus totals 4500.

Not being satisfied with the past we must maintain and develop the original principles laid by our founders as we envision the future of Soong Jun University. Four great words from Scripture can be applied to SJU: (1) creation; (2) the cross; (3) the Exodus; (4) the resurrection.

(1) The idea of radical monotheism—that only God is absolute and that all else is relative, whether country, race, ideology, or culture. This concept was behind our being closed in 1938 when refusing shrine worship. Likewise our graduates must reject materialism and witness to God as the only real absolute. Everything is but an instrument for mankind to live humanly before God, its Creator.

(2) The cross with its vertical relationship between man and God, and its horizontal stance between man and man. Vertically, truth is in heaven and earth. It is essential for the University to search for truth. If our nation is to develop, some place is needed for seeking truth for truth's sake apart from pressures. Horizontally, one needs to share the suffering of people. Our graduates, not thinking of themselves and their families alone, must work for social justice. Our graduates must have a macro-view of life. They must contribute to the welfare of society.

(3) In the Exodus I see a group sharing a common goal, moving forward, unbound by tradition. We must be positive and creative. The Christian should not make people dehumanized. In Matt. 5:48 we are told to be perfect. This is the endless possibility of self-realization. Matt. 19:26 becomes possible WITH God. There need be no despair or frustration. We must move forward with our

hope in Christ. So the University should be a positive and creative community where the professors are committed to the educational goals of the University. Innovation is necessary to get out of old wineskins in order to realize the aspirations of all University members.

(4) Here we have the new being, the rebirth of life out of death, a new self by denying the old self. The Christian university should be creative and innovative, corresponding to the needs of a changing society. A tension should exist between society and man's potential.

I have a criticism of SJU's history. Under the Japanese there were many independence leaders. Looking back, it would seem that SSC and Korean Christianity in general, did not think of the role of Christianity for Korea after independence. Mere industrialization will result with no vision for Korea. But a multi-dimensional society is characteristic of a democracy.

Leadership in today's society is needed. But what kind of leaders should we produce? First, Christians with expert knowledge and techniques are required in modern society. SJU tries to produce this kind of person. But not only this. The personality that uses knowledge and expertise is vital. Thus Christian leadership alone will prevent society from becoming dehumanized. Secondly, to produce such Christian leaders, requires an education method. In today's industrial society social change is so rapid that knowledge soon becomes out-of-date. Memorization is no longer sufficient. Students must be taught to think independently and creatively so that they can seek truth by themselves. The Soong Jun graduates must be able to learn without their teachers' help for the rest of their life. Likewise, they need to be able to go beyond present knowledge and discover new knowledge themselves. In the third place, to meet the needs of a multi-dimensional industrial society, a desirable structure is needed at SJU. With our present student quota of 4500 we need to expand the number of major department and the number of students in each in order to send graduates into the various fields of society.

Finally, in order to realize what already has been said, we need the assistance of students, faculty, administration, alumni, the Korean church and the church abroad. I have called this a Total Open Participation System. With all of us working in this direction, Soong Jun's sons and daughters will become the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

ABROAD WITH PRESIDENT KOH

Just after his inauguration President Koh left campus on September 5, for a 25-day trip overseas beginning with a brief stop in Los Angeles with the Harold Voelkels, the Francis Kinslers, and the Richard Bairds (he is son of Soong Jun's first president), and other former U.P. missionaries to Korea. The next day found Dr. Koh in Guatemala City, Guatemala to attend the Appropriated Technology Conference for Georgia Institute of Technology, hosted by Dr. Joseph Pettit (D.E. '75).

Stopping next in Atlanta, Dr. Koh talked with Dr. In Sik Kim (B.A. '66) and Dr. James Cogswell at the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. headquarters and then visited GIT where he was hosted at dinner by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Pettit.

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A MESSAGE TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

With the advent of the 80th Anniversary the Anniversary Planning Committee was instructed to draw up plans for specific financial drives in commemoration of the 80th Anniversary.

By holding fast to its founding principles of truth and service, Soong Jun dares to challenge its alumni and friends to carry the torch in the attainment of the approved goals. Throughout its history of eighty years, graduates and friends have played an inestimable part in Soong Jun's advance and excellence.

In today's world the needs are greater than ever. Loyalty of friends and alumni has never been greater. Each of us who reads these words is challenged to give toward these urgent needs until they are realized. Each of us needs to ask God to guide us in making a significant contribution to the goal of our choice.



Alumni breakfast prayermeeting at the university museum.

The Trustees have approved the following four goals:

1. Administration-Graduate School Building: \$400,000
Expanded administrative office and graduate school facilities will fill a critical need.
2. Scholarship Fund: \$100,000

Realizing that capable and deserving students may be financially unable to finance a higher education, and desiring to fertilize society with an ever increasing flow of graduates who will take their place as "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth", this endowment is essential.

3. Campus Improvement: \$100,000

A new Main Gate, necessitated by the city street widening, taking a slice off the south border of the campus, is a "must". A Fountain will both beautify the campus and provide a spot of refreshment. A Clock Tower rising out of sculpture exemplifying the pursuit of knowledge.

4. Extra-curricular Student Activities: \$100,000

To educate the total person, such projects as the Women's Mandolin Orchestra, the Westminster Choir, and a long-cherished soccer team, to mention just a few activities, will mean positive input.

80TH ANNIVERSARY HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Allyn R. Bell, Jr.



Dr. Allyn R. Bell, Jr. was born in Atlantic City, N.J. in 1909. He majored in economics at the University of Pennsylvania and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Pikeville College in 1961, from Houghton College in 1965, from Grove City College in 1971, and from Ursinus College in 1973.

Since 1957 Dr. Bell has not only distinguished himself in the business world as Trustee of the Pew Foundation but has demonstrated his Christian faith as an elder of his Presbyterian Church. He has made financial contributions to the construction of the Administration Building, the Library, the Student Union Building, the Second Dormitory, and the Museum of Soong Jun University.

Rev. Kyung Chik Han



Rev. Kyung Chik Han was born in Pyung Yang in 1902. He graduated from Soong Sil College in 1925 and he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Emporia University in 1948.

Rev. Han has devoted himself as the minister of Young Nak Church to its development. He had also devoted himself as the president of Soong Sil College to its growth and development since the College was reopened in Seoul in 1954.

Professor Ho Ick Woo



Professor Ho Ick Woo was born in Pyung Yang in 1897, and was educated at Soong Sil College.

After graduation from Waseda University, in Japan, he taught at Soong Sil College until the college was closed in 1938.

After Liberation in 1945, he, as a professor of Soong Sil College reopened in Seoul, devoted himself not only to the education of the younger generation but to the establishment and development of Soong Sil College until he was appointed Honorary President of Soong Sil College.

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Celebrating Life at Soong Jun



"This is living history," was the comment of Dr. Lee Hahn-Been, sitting near me, and so it was. The occasion this beautifully crisp October day was the 80th Founders' Day Ceremony of Soong Jun University.

As part of my job, I must attend many ceremonies and services, and some are pretty dull and dead. But this one was more like a celebration of life as Dr. Lee said.

First, there was the tremendous collection of talent, effort and energy—some of Korea's great men—gathered here on the platform and in the audience.

Among the speakers and those being honored were Dr. Kyung Chik Han, former pastor of Yong-Nak Church and the first Korean president of the "resurrected" Soong Sil College right after the Korean War, 1954-1958. A 1925 graduate of Soong Sil in Pyong Yang—it was Union Christian College then—today he was receiving an honorary Ph. D. degree and in his memorial address, urging the University to look ahead and to continue its great tradition of turning out Christian leaders for all fields of life. Dr. Han is a good representative of the spiritual stamina and values of the university.

Dr. Ho Ik Woo was born the same year that Presbyterian missionary Dr. William Baird collected a few students together in his *sarang* to start a little school that grew—into Soong Sil Hak Dang, Union Christian College, Soong Sil College and Soong Jun University as the years went by, with its present enrollment of almost 3,500 men and women students on two campuses. Dr. Woo graduated from Union Christian College in 1921, in the 12th graduating class, and is the only one of the Pyong Yang professors still living. Long and faithful, in many capacities, he was a part of Soong Sil and was made honorary president of the university. At age 80, today he was receiving the Litt. D. degree, and represents the effort and hard work that has gone into Soong Jun over many years.

Representing the financial wherewithal that has built the material plant of Soong Jun was Dr. Allyn Bell, trustee of the Pew Foundation of Philadelphia. Dr. Bell was presented an honorary Doctor of Economics degree. The Pew Foundation helped to build the administration building, library, museum and dormitories of Soong Jun.

Hyo-Uean Keh and Seh-Hyung Kim are members of the class of 1927, and were here for their 50th reunion. There were 12 graduates in that class at Union Christian College; and six of those are still alive. Four are now in the United States, and these two gentlemen, one a retired minister and the other a retired professor and composer,

were here to represent their class.

Into the longer history of Soong Sil College came the new blood of Taejon College in 1971. Since this co-ed Christian college was begun just in 1954, its graduates are all still young. They tend to marry each other, speak excellent English and to be as energetic and outgoing a group as a Jaycees chapter in the United States. One of them in the audience today was Rev. Chung-Oon Suh, young professor at Seoul Presbyterian Seminary, back in Korea after four years working as a literacy evangelistic missionary in Indonesia.

Among the seven Seoul and Taejon faculty and staff members who were honored for completing 10 years of



service was Dr. Charles Krauth, chemistry professor who has taught on both campuses. For two years, Dr. Krauth and his family are living in Ma Dong Ri, a village in Choong Nam province. Their community development projects there include a methane gas generator, solar hot water system, and vinyl hot houses to help farmers in that area learn to use inexpensive, readily available materials to increase their productivity and living comfort.

In the audience were 20 farmers from the village, including a bearded Confucian scholar dressed all in white, guests of the university for a day in Seoul. They represent perhaps all those in Korea and elsewhere who have

benefitted from Soong Jun's energy, vision and sharing of intellectual resources.

Dr. Lak-Geom (George) Paik, former Minister of Education and president of Yonsei University, so long a "friendly rival" of Soong Jun, brought warm greetings. Dr. Howard Moffett, son of former Soong Jun President Dr. Samuel A. Moffett, was born on the Pyong Yang campus. He told of watching as a boy Dr. George McCune root for the college's soccer team. "He always wanted the colleg team to win—and not just in soccer," said Dr. Moffett, a Presbyterian missionary physician in Taegu. "The leadership of Soong Jun was always been enthusiastic and vigorous. Let's go on in that spirit the next

Dear Friends,

Taegu, October 20, 1977



What a thrill it was to share recently with Faculty, Students and Friends of Soong Jun University the 80th Anniversary of its founding. It was an historic occasion, and we may well be proud of all that it represented in the way of achievement through decades of almost unparalleled turmoil and struggle in this land.

Soong Jun has succeeded because it was founded on Scriptural truth and has been under the leadership of men of God who were convinced that God had called them to their tasks in the training of men and women for Him. They had unwavering faith and dedication to Christian education in the pursuit of knowledge for the betterment of mankind and as a witness for Jesus Christ.

My own personal history is deeply rooted in this institution. I was born and raised on the campus of Soong Sil College in Pyong Yang, 60 years ago, and my father was president during the first 10 years of my life. My four brothers and I all played on its athletic fields, and cheered its teams on to victory, especially in soccer. How well I remember the annual tournaments played at the stadium under the shadow of beautiful "Moranbong" and of the enthusiastic way in which Dr. George Shannon McCune, who succeeded my father in the presidency, gave pep talks to the teams before they went out on the field to play. He was one of the most vigorous men I have ever known, putting his whole heart into exhorting the players to do their best, and to win! He was never willing to settle for second place as long as there was any chance at all for first. He believed if something was worth doing at all that it was worth doing well, and that one must be willing to sacrifice, and if need be to suffer, for its accomplishment.

It wasn't just athletics that this applied to, but every aspect of life. Soong Jun University is fortunate that this is the type of leadership which has characterized the institution through all of its history. The University stands for academic excellence; for Biblical truth and personal integrity; for Christian service to the community, to the nation, and to the world. We know that we are on a "winning team." We need make no apology for our faith or for our objectives. We can and must expect difficulties, but we need never walk alone, for God is with us. John 16:33 says "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world!"

There is no need for pessimism or despair. We have the absolute assurance of God Almighty, Creator of the universe, that He is with us and that He cares about us. We should be radiant in our faith and in our testimony, positive in our thinking, and joyful in our work and associations.

It is great to be in partnership with the Lord. It is a privilege to be associated with this great university. I thank God for Soong Jun and for its commitment to the very best in Christian education and to things of eternal value. Under God I am sure it will successfully meet the challenge of this new day and age in Korea.

Sincerely,

Howard F. Moffett, M. D.



80 years as well!"

Afterwards, new President of Soong Jun Dr. Bum-Soe Koh told how much he liked Dr. Moffett's remarks as Dr. Koh is a man of forceful character and much enthusiasm himself, that was not surprising!

Other former Soong Jun University presidents present were Dr. Hyung-Nam Kim and Dr. Hahn-Been Lee. Their dynamic personalities and intellectual abilities also are surely a living part of this special school's special history. All in all, it was a ceremony celebrating life—past, present and future—and growth. Soong Jun University, Mansei!

—Martha Huntley—

CAMPUS NEWS

Inauguration of S.J.U. Alumni Ministers Association:

More than 70 Alumni Ministers Seoul campus: 271, Taejon: 82, working for the churches all over the country, inaugurated the S.J.U. Alumni Ministers Association on the 15th of August, Independence Day.



S. J. U.'s Vital Role in the 4th International Symposium on Small Business(ISSB)

In this Symposium held in Seoul, October 10 to 13th, Soong Jun University, through its Integrated Development Center, has played a vital role in planning, organizing and managing the Symposium to which more than 400 delegates from more than 50 countries attended. Dr. Yoon Bae Ouh, the Director of the Integrated Development Center, and Secretary-General of the Korean Committee of the 4th ISSB, presented a paper entitled "Community Development through Small Business; the Korean Case of the Saemaul Movement."

Summer Vacation Rural Service by S.J.U. Taejon Campus students

Social service is a very important function of college life. In sultry summer weather of 30~35°C 86~95°F, 58 students and two faculty members of Taejon campus sweated as they labored in helping villages build a public bath, wash area and sheep stable. At night, after a hard day of work, these volunteer young workers were absorbed in teaching Bible, and discussing improvement of community life including nutrition, public hygiene and cooperative activities. Pu-Yeu-Kun Oe-San-Meun was selected for this summer service work as intensive development has been done in this area by the University since 1975. After



Partial sheep stable is seen behind students.

finishing eight days of various service activities on August 25th, the students evaluated their activities and pledged to strengthen preparatory planning in the future.

Breakfast Prayer Meeting

The first Alumni Breakfast Prayer Meeting was held at the Seminar Room in the Campus Museum at 7 in the morning of October 5. There were over 200 persons present. This was more than expected for a start. Their determination to work for their Alma Mater was apparent at the meeting.

Alumni raise funds for new library

Since the first graduating class of 57 students (47 men and 10 women) in 1962, the Alumni Association of Taejon Campus has grown to a total of 1051. Each member of the Association is much concerned for the development of the Taejon campus and is therefore taking part in a fund raising campaign to help with the construction of the new library. Construction began in July of this year and two of the four floors are scheduled for completion by next year. The goal of the association is ₩10,000,000 (\$20,000). It is hoped that additional funds can be obtained soon to complete the third and fourth floors of the building.

Academic Lecture

This is the last year of the 4 year series of Academic Lectures "Christianity & Modernization". The Committee of Humanities & Social Science is planning to publish the lectures given, as a reminder of the Christian role in the social development of Korea.

Dramatic Performance



"Equus" was performed at the Drama Center October 11-13. Successful performances resulted in "standing room only."

Gift of \$ 20,000 received from Easley Presbyterian Church

In March of this year Taejon Campus received a gift of \$ 20,000 from the estate of Miss Mary Wyatt, a member of Easley Presbyterian Church in Easley, S.C. This gift was administered through a committee of the church and was designated for use in construction of a much needed language lab. Jack Bradley, who has been teaching on Taejon Campus for two years, is a member of the Easley church. The church has supported the Goettes for a number of years too.

Rev. HOON CHOI



In this issue of TODAY at SJU you have the opportunity to meet Rev. Hoon Choi, outstanding alumnus of the class of 1960.

Rev. Choi's connection with SJU dates back to one day when the following occurred. "That's really our Korean flag?" Eight year old Hoon had never seen other than a Japanese flag that day when his mother, going through an attic chest, showed him his grandfather's diploma from SSC back when Dr. Baird was president. That very day young Hoon determined that he would someday attend SSC in his grandfather's footsteps.

The above took place in the village of Man-Kyung-Dae south of Pyongyang, the birthplace also of North Korean's leader today. Rev. Choi's grandfather, the oldest of five brothers, had become a Christian and served as an evangelist, building his own church in the 1910s. This means that Rev. Choi is a third generation Christian.

By the time Rev. Choi entered Soong Sil College he had already graduated from Koryo Theological Seminary in Pusan. After his undergraduate history major, Rev. Choi went on to Yonsei U. for an M.A. in education. While he had hoped to be an educator and had been asked to teach at Kwang-dong College when he received his B.A., by then he was already pastor of Dong Do Presbyterian Church in Seoul. Today this church, founded in 1953 after the Pusan evacuation in the Korean War, has grown to a membership of 3,000.

Born in Pyongyang, Rev. Choi came to South Korea in 1950 when he left his parents with his brothers and sisters. His family today includes his wife who serves as a deacon and is active in Presbyterian women's work in Dong Do Church, and one son and two daughters, each a potential future SJU student.

Just how outstanding he has become is evidenced by the positions he holds:

1. Alumni trustee since graduation.
2. Chairman of the newly organized SJU Alumni Ministers Association.
3. Director, Korea Chapter of the World Christian Anti-Communist Coalition.
4. Vice-director of the Korea Harbor Evangelism with responsibility for the work in Incheon and Pusan.
5. Director of the Inter-denominational Seoul-Area Ministers Association.
6. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Calvin Theological Seminary, Seoul.

Rev. Choi's ideals for the SJU graduate are that he/she will be competent and knowledgeable, skilled, creative, productive, equipped with a spirit of service, and possessing a deep Christian faith.

On Dr. Koh's inauguration day Rev. Choi presented him with a plaque on behalf of the SJU Alumni Ministers Association. It is his hope that this group may be instrumental in the extension of the Westminster Chapel building, so badly needed by today's enrollment of students. He feels the need to strengthen the chapel program and the chaplain's outreach.

As he now prays for Soong Jun daily, Rev. Choi remembers that as a student here he not only studied, but also prayed every morning at the foot of the cross on the hill behind the dormitory. It is not surprising that then President Sungnam Luke Kim realized that Hoon Choi ex-

emplified the SSC man.

To Rev. Choi, SJU is the last educational fortress of Korean Christianity and so he is glad that Dr. Koh, with his strong commitment to Jesus Christ, has been elected president. He challenges us to remember that the spiritual emphasis at Soong Jun is like the cement of a building holding the bricks together.

Concert commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Foundation:

Two performances were given, one in Seoul on October 8th and the 12th of November in Taejon. The audience over 3,000 was at the concert at Yoo Kwan Soon Memorial Hall, Ewha Girls' High School and 2,000 at the auditorium of Taejon Boys' High School. The first part of the concert was performed by Mandolin Orchestra and the 2nd part by S.J.U. Choir from both campus.



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In Washington, Dr. Koh's time was spent with alumni of all ages and also several U.S. government offices such as the National Science Foundation.

Off to New York, Dr. Koh stopped briefly for a pleasant visit with Dr. (D.E. '77) and Mrs. Allyn Bell in Philadelphia. In N.Y. his friend from graduate school days in Nashville, Miss Betty Parkinson, had arranged for him to meet representatives of both the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. such as Dr. Newton Thurber, and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, such as Dr. Albert Seely. He also found time to spend with Soong Jun alumni before taking the plane to Toronto for the purpose of contacting more alumni there.

Next to Chicago where more alumni were waiting for him. During his time there Dr. Koh, escorted by Rev. Robert Urquhart, Wheaton alumnus and former U.P. missionary to Korea, visited Wheaton College where concerns of Christian colleges were shared and campus life observed.

Dr. Alexander Heard, President of Vanderbilt, made Dr. Koh's stop in Nashville personally rewarding before he flew back to Los Angeles where he contacted Soong Jun alumni and some 10 former Korea U.P. missionaries before flying to Seattle where he conferred with Mr. C. Davis Weyerhaeuser. In the sky over the Pacific as Dr. Koh was winged back to Seoul he realized anew how much Soong Jun relies upon its friends even when they are an ocean apart. He thanked God for such a rewarding trip!



Dr. Koh presenting Key to village head.

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area and work with it over a period of years, thereby adding depth to both effort and results. Two areas were chosen—Kwang Duk Myun by the Seoul campus and Way San Myun by the Taejon campus.

1977 marked the third year of work in each area. The farmers are not stupid and will laugh at silly games; one can't go back and do the same old things. Dean of Students Gil Joon Park and Social Work Department Chairman Seung Gyung Cho have been involved with the students for three years. They have spent a lot of time in the area and are known by the farmers. They helped work out the water system details for Hang Jong Ni. Through their efforts the Womens Association of a neighboring village raised pigs for a year. Again with the help of these men and the University, the women have received a large garden plot this fall that was left to the village several years ago, but was misappropriated by two wealthy farmers. The Womens Association plans to farm the land as a club to raise money for village projects in the area.

In addition to the work with students, Professor Cho has worked with Dr. Yoon Bae Ouh, also of the Social Work Department, in research projects in the area.

The Taejon campus has been equally active in a remote mountain area which could be called as the Appalachia of Korea. The farmers there are isolated by poor roads, overcrowded buses, no telephones, just one small private junior high school, and attitudes twenty to thirty years behind those in the cities.

This work has been guided by Dean of Students Nam Jin Cho and Dean of the Evening School Eun Yong Kim. Under their supervision, the students have helped 4-H clubs build shelters to collectively raise milk goats; disinfected villages, thus decreasing the number of flies; helped the people in one village solve a serious problem which made the village meeting hall unavailable; and helped several families pipe water from a hillside spring to their homes, to mention only a few projects.

While the water system project was begun in 1974 Dr. Koh lent his strong support this past summer. He helped bring still further University and outside assistance to bear on the project, such as: Mr. William Bridges, Volunteer in Mission, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Rural Development Specialist from the University of Kentucky Extension service; and a rural development project, funded by the Task Force on World Hunger of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. which has Dean Eun Yong Kim of the Taejon campus and Professor Charles Krauth of the Seoul campus, working in both Kwang Duk Myun and Way San Myun in a twofold thrust in leadership development and the adaptation and utilization of new technical developments and alternative energy sources.

Soong Jun takes pleasure in introducing this facet of its service outreach for the betterment of Korea and the development of a growing altruistic commitment of its students.



The Minister of Education connects the final pump wire.

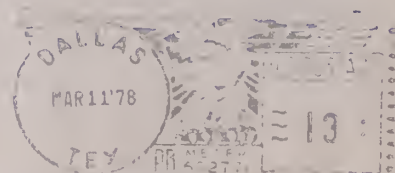


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